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 Mike Coffman – “Ostrich”
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Visual	Audio	Backup
<p>Opens as if it is a Discovery Channel/National Geographic type documentary. Footage of ostriches. Super: Ostrich (Struthio Camelus)</p>	<p>Voiceover Announcer: The African ostrich. Tall. Flightless. Head in the sand.</p>	
<p>B-roll of Coffman in Capitol. Super: Congressman Coffman (Careerus Politicus)</p>	<p>And this is Congressman Coffman. Also with his head in the sand -- on climate change.</p>	<p>Coffman claimed human influence on climate change is “subject to debate.” According to the Atlantic, “Rep. Mike Coffman, another Colorado Republican, said: ‘Climate change is naturally occurring. What influence do we have over that, we certainly need to look into, but that’s subject to debate.’” [The Atlantic, 6/15/12]</p>
<p>B-roll of NASA scientists and engineers, scientists in lab. B-roll of wildfires and droughts. Super: NASA and 97% of Scientists Agree on Climate Change [NASA, Climate Change: Consensus; NASA, 1/16/13]</p>	<p>Ninety-seven percent of scientists agree climate change is happening. NASA says it’s worsening extreme weather.</p>	<p>97 percent of scientists agree on climate change. According to NASA, “Ninety-seven percent of climate scientists agree that climate-warming trends over the past century are very likely due to human activities, and most of the leading scientific organizations worldwide have issued public statements endorsing this position.” [NASA, Climate Change: Consensus]</p> <p>NASA: Extreme weather is increasing due to climate change. NASA reported on its website, “Get ready for more extreme weather and increasingly serious impacts on health, the economy and the environment, courtesy global climate change. Temperatures, rainfall, droughts, high-intensity hurricanes and severe flooding events all are increasing and projected to continue as the world’s climate warms, according to the National Climate Assessment. ... The report was presented last Friday to the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP). By law, the group conducts a national assessment every four years for Congress and the president. The USGCRP is comprised of 13 federal agencies, including NASA.” [NASA, 1/16/13]</p> <p>NASA: Climate change “will lead to more frequent and larger fires.” According to NASA, “Thousands of wildfires large and small are underway at any given time across the globe. Beyond the obvious immediate health effects, this “biomass” burning is part of the equation for global warming. In northern latitudes, wildfires actually are a symptom of the Earth’s warming. ...</p>

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B-roll of Coffman in Congressional Committee. Super: Congressman Coffman. Extreme. Questioned if Climate Change is Even a Problem. [The Atlantic, 6/15/12]	But Coffman is so extreme he questions whether climate change is even a problem.	Coffman claimed human influence on climate change is “subject to debate.” According to the Atlantic, “Rep. Mike Coffman, another Colorado Republican, said: ‘Climate change is naturally occurring. What influence do we have over that, we certainly need to look into, but that's subject to debate.’” [The Atlantic, 6/15/12]
B-roll of Coffman on House floor. Super: Congressman Coffman Opposed Reducing Carbon Pollution. [House Roll Call Vote 593, 9/21/12; House Roll Call Vote 437, 8/2/13]	And opposes common sense efforts to reduce carbon pollution.	Coffman voted to block EPA from reducing carbon pollution. Coffman voted to repeal the scientific finding by the Environmental Protection Agency that greenhouse gases endanger human health and the environment, which would permanently block the EPA from reducing carbon pollution and other greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act. [House Roll Call Vote 593, 9/21/12] Coffman voted to allow polluters to spew unlimited carbon pollution. Coffman voted for legislation that would give polluters a free pass to spew unlimited amounts of carbon pollution and block fuel efficiency and greenhouse gas standards for cars. [House Roll Call Vote 603, 9/21/12] Coffman voted to prevent EPA from putting a price on carbon pollution. Coffman voted for an amendment that would bar the EPA from imposing a price or fee on carbon pollution. [House Roll Call Vote 437, 8/2/13]
B-roll of ostriches. Super: Call Congressman Coffman. Tell him it’s time to act on climate change. Paid for by the League of Conservation Voters.	Call Congressman Coffman. Tell him it’s time to act on climate change.	